

REMARKS

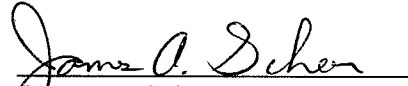
Reconsideration and further prosecution of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the accompanying amendments and in view of the discussion that follows. Claims 1-24 and 34-67 are pending in this application and claims 13-24 and 34-67 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-2 and 11-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,843,563 to Takahashi, et al. ("Takahashi"). Claims 3-10 have been objected to as allowable if rewritten into independent form. Claims 1-4, 16, 17, 23, 24, 35, 38, 41, 42, 49, 51, 52, 56, 59, and 67 have been amended. After a careful review of the claims as amended, it is believed that the now pending claims are in allowable form and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Office Action indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if put in independent form including all features of intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include all the features of claims 2 and 3 and therefore is believed to be allowable, as are dependent claims 2-12. In addition, the previously withdrawn claims 16, 17, 23, 24, 35, 38, 41, 42, 49, 51, 52, 56, 59 and 67 have been amended to make them properly dependent upon allowable claim 1. In addition, the previously withdrawn claims 18, 19, 39, 40, 45-47, 50, 53-55, 60-62 and 66 are also now properly dependent ultimately on allowable claim 1 as a result of the amendments. Thus, these claims are now allowable because they are properly dependent upon allowable claim 1. All other previously withdrawn claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, applicants submit that independent claim 1 is allowable as are all remaining dependent claims 2-12, 16-19, 23, 24, 35, 38-42, 45-47, 49-56, 59-62, 66, and 67 which ultimately depend from allowable claim 1.

As discussed above, all remaining claims are now in allowable form. Therefore, the application is believed to be in order and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution

of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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